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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Political Research

SUBJECT : Law of the Sea; DDI Support Efforts

1. The attached report is the result of a recent DDI Management Staff survey of the intelligence support being provided by this Directorate to the on-going effort to negotiate a Law of the Sea (LOS). I am pleased with the contributions made by our Offices to date and expect that our assistance will be required at least through next summer's LOS conference at Vienna.

2. With respect to the recommendations made in this report, I want to affirm that you should continue to look to the D/BGI as the Agency coordinator for intelligence production in support of the NSC Task Force on LOS. I agree with the suggestion that the need for economic research and reports on LOS issues is increasing, but see no immediate need for detailing OER personnel to work in OBGI. I accept the recommendation for an early meeting with Task Force representatives to assess the utility of DDI support to date and to agree on requirements for the remainder of FY 1975; I have written to the Task Force chairman requesting such a meeting at the conclusion of the current talks. I am reserving judgment on the idea of a DDI representative at Vienna until all the returns are in on the Caracas talks and we know better what will be asked of us in the months ahead.

3. Please note at Annex C of the attached report the letter of appreciation recently received from John Norton Moore, Chairman of the NSC Interagency Task Force on LOS. You may wish to relay these well-deserved congratulations to the appropriate personnel in your Office.



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Attachment:  
As stated